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been allowed to grow only in the normal manner and the deficits during some of the recent years are due only to extraordinary circumstances for meeting which there were sufficient resources.

76. The budget for the coming year as a whole anticipates a surplus of Rs 13·67 lakhs. It is not the intention of Government that this surplus should be merged in the balances in a manner not easily available for special or unforeseen purposes. I have already stated that Government propose to set apart Rs 5 lakhs as contribution to a Distress Relief Fund. The balance as well as whatever may eventually be available as revenue surplus in the current year will be transferred to the Revenue Reserve Fund instituted for drawal in lean years.

Capital Budget.

77. Before taking up the capital estimates, I wish to make an observation on a small alteration which I have made in the presentation of the demand. It has hitherto been the practice to show schemes expected to bring in revenue under a section of the Debt Head bearing the title 'Reproductive Schemes.' The debt head as an account head is usually intended for accommodating transactions of a purely banking nature and should not be used as a vehicle for exhibiting transactions involving creation of concrete assets. I am accordingly taking the estimates relating to such expenditure also under capital. The estimates under our important capital works are the following :—

	Rs. in lakhs.
Town Improvement schemes ...	2·50
Water Supply schemes ...	6·86
Drainage schemes ...	5·22
Buildings and Communications ...	7·90
University buildings ...	1·00
Construction of a tobacco bankshall ...	·30
Military buildings ...	2·00
Electricity ...	17·94
Telephone ...	4·45
Broadcasting ...	·50
Clay Refining Factory ...	1·85
Commercial Transport ...	2·52
Total ...	53·04

The expenditure budgeted amounts to Rs 55·47 lakhs against Rs 47·38 lakhs expected to be spent this year and is proposed to be met entirely from the balances. I shall give a brief account of the nature of the outlay under each of these schemes.

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78. *Town Improvement schemes.* The scheme includes improvement of the Thampanur Valley as a high class residential area, construction of 5 blocks of buildings opposite the Museum to accommodate Government Offices and a programme of special surfacing on the main roads inside the town. Besides these, the beach area bounded by the coast line on the west, the Parvathy Puthanar Canal on the east and the Municipal town limits on the north and south will be brought under the Town Planning scheme.

The total capital outlay on the schemes till the end of this year is expected to stand at Rs 13·16 lakhs. For the completion of the schemes now in progress and for taking up new ones, a sum of Rs 2·5 lakhs has been provided in the budget for 1116.

79. *Water Supply schemes.* The Willingdon Water Supply Scheme has been completed; still as in all cases of this nature a few supplemental works including street main extension works remain, for meeting which, a provision of Rs 36,700 is made in the budget.

Of the Mofussil Water supply schemes, the Alleppey Water supply scheme has been completed and formally opened a fortnight ago; the Shencottah scheme is nearing completion. The Nagercoil Water Works have also been taken on hand where notwithstanding handicaps encountered arising out of the international situation, the work is programmed to be pushed through with an outlay of Rs 4·44 lakhs in the next year. Provision is also made for giving the finishing touches to the Shencottah and Alleppey schemes and for the investigations at Kuttanad, Shertallai, Kottayam, Muttam, and Bhoothapandy which all badly stand in need of good water.

80. *Drainage Schemes.* First let me give an idea of what is done in the direction at Trivandrum. House connection work for about 1000 houses has already been completed and it is expected that the works of sewer laying, construction of manholes, ventilators and air inlets and the house connection works for the whole of one portion of the work,—Block A—would all be completed by the middle of 1116 M. E. The progress of work was to a certain extent retarded as pipes required could not be procured in time and the pumping plant did not arrive as programmed. But we hope to make up for the delays, install the pumps and bring the scheme into service before the end of 1116 M. E. In addition, works connected with the sewage farm and storm water improvements in the Thekkanankara channel and the storm water drain from Altharamukku to Cochar will also be taken up. It will also be possible to take up the investigation of the Alleppey Drainage Scheme.

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81. *Buildings and Communications.* (i) The road policy of Government has been both forward and far-reaching and aims not only at aiding the transport to earn its revenue by minimising working expenses, but confers all the benefits on the entire people affected by the traffic in the roads.

The first step in this direction is providing dustless surfacing to the Main Southern Road. This work which was taken up towards the close of last year is showing rapid progress and the full allotment of Rs 7 lakhs provided this year is expected to be spent and the work completed during the latter half of 1116. A provision of Rs 7·75 lakhs is accordingly made on this account.

(ii) A sum of Rs 15,000 is provided in the budget of next year to settle liabilities and close the accounts of the Council Chamber work and another Rs 30,000 earmarked for the construction of the Tobacco Bankshall.

(iii) *University buildings.* The programme of reorganisation of the Public Works Department Workshops in co-ordination with the Faculty of Technology is being carried out and improvements and special repairs to various buildings under the control of the University proceed apace. The total outlay to end of this year is expected to be Rs 1·17 lakhs and another lakh will be spent next year.

(iv) *Military buildings.* The construction of buildings inside the State Forces Head Quarters at Pangode is being continued strictly in accordance with the programme approved by the Government and the Army Committee and an amount of Rs 1·30 lakhs is expected to be spent this year on the works. The extent of future commitments on the scheme is however a little obscure in the present conditions, but a lump sum of Rs 2 lakhs has been provided in the budget which I expect will be fully spent.

Electrical Schemes.

82. *Pallivasal Hydro Electric Scheme.* Almost all the works in connection with the first stage of the development of the Pallivasal Hydro Electric Project were completed and the scheme brought into commercial operation from the 19th March 1940. The entire load of the Quilon Electric Supply was changed over to the Hydro Electric Supply system by the 3rd May. The whole distribution net work of the Kannan Devan Hills Produce Company was connected to the Pallivasal system on the 13th April and the Kottayam Electric Supply Licensee changed over to Hydro Electric power on the

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